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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN RADIATION MONITORING OF US NPW: MONITORING
RESULTS OF 1976 VISITS

1. IN ORDER TO HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO THE STATES, AND
TO AVOID OPPOSITION QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT, THE GOA
INTENDS TO DECLASSIFY AND RELEASE A REPORT ENTITLED
- REPORT ON ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION MONITORING DURING
VISITS TO AUSTRALIAN PORTS BY NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS
IN 1976." THE DFA HAS FURNISHED THE EMBASSY WITH AN
ADVANCE COPY WHICH WILL NOT BE RELEASED FOR AT LEAST
30 DAYS. THE GOA WOULD WELCOME ANY US COMMENTS IN THE
INTERIM.

2. THE REPORT BEGINS WITH AN INTRODUCTION AND A GENERAL
DESCRIPTION OF THE MONITORING PROGRAM AND THE TECH-
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NIQUES EMPLOYED. IT CONTINUES WITH MONITORING RESULTS
FOLLOWING THE VISITS OF THE USS SNOOK (TO GARDEN ISLAND,
WESTERN AUSTRALIA), TRUXTON (TO MELBOURNE), TRUXTON (TO
JERVIS BAY), ENTERPRISE (TO HOBART, TASMANIA), AND LONG
BEACH (TO MELBOURNE).

3. THE REPORT CONCLUDES:

"4. RESULTS OF RADIATION MONITORING RELATED TO THE
DETECTION OF A CONTINGENT REACTOR ACCIDENT.

"NO READING WAS OBTAINED IN EITHER THE MEDIUM OR
HIGH RANGE GAMMA RADIATION IN AIR FIXED DETECTORS AND
THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE SUGGESTING A REACTOR ACCIDENT SIT-
UATION DURING ANY OF THE VISITS.

"5. CONCLUSIONS.

"THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE FROM THE PROGRAM OF ENVIRON-
MENTAL RADIATION MONITORING OF ANY INFRACTION OF AUSTRALIAN
PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS DUE TO RELEASE OF RADIOACTIVE
MATERIAL, OR EMISSION OF IONISING RADIATION, FROM THE
NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS DURING THEIR VISITS AND NO
EVIDENCE OF ANY IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT FROM THIS
SOURCE."

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